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Sir:

Examiner Sy telephoned the undersigned on May 3, 2005 to discuss two minor claim amendments to place this application in condition for allowance. One amendment involved changing the term "output" in line 3 of Claim 5 to --output property—for purposes of consistency with the language in Claim 4 and the other amendment involved changing the word "a" to --an-- in the second-to-last line of Claim 1 for grammatical purposes. The undersigned authorized Examiner Sy to make the foregoing amendments, which do not narrow the claim scope, by way of an Examiner's Amendment.

Should any questions arise in connection with this matter, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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